



Class Title: Green Paws and Pages

Subjects Covered: Reading, Writing / Language Arts, and Phonics

Teacher Name: Candice Braun

Class Day: Friday

Class Size: 12

Overall Class Cost: \$50

Individual Student Supply Fee: \$0

Class Fee: \$96

Ages or color group served: Green

What level is this class: Level 0

Prerequisites: NA

Graduation Requirements: Meet HCU's standard attendance requirements

Homework Requirements: Optional practice worksheets will also be sent home each week, giving families the opportunity to continue practicing Ollie's Words for a few minutes each day. These are designed as simple reinforcement and are completely optional.

Class Description:

Paws & Pages is a hands-on early literacy enrichment class where great books, playful word work, and a very special four-legged reading buddy come together!

Each week, students will explore a high-quality picture book and practice common words that do not completely follow the phonics rules children are learning, words young readers often need to recognize quickly because they cannot simply sound out every part of the word. Because Paws & Pages focuses on these tricky, frequently used words rather than teaching a specific phonics sequence, the class can complement any reading or phonics curriculum a student is already using at home.

Students will meet "Ollie's Words" through movement, magnetic letters, games, word hunts, and other hands-on activities. During Story Time with Ollie, students will listen for their new words while exploring themes such as kindness, perseverance, friendship, courage, empathy, inclusion, and making good choices. Each story is followed by an age-appropriate Story Adventure worksheet that builds listening comprehension, story understanding, and early literacy skills.

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And, of course, there's Ollie! Our friendly classroom reading buddy will join us for stories and literacy activities, helping create a fun, welcoming environment where children can build confidence and enjoy books together. Ollie is a 4 year old Miniature Schnauzer / West Highland Terrier Mix. While he is not completely hypoallergenic, he is a very low shedding breed. Ollie has been with our family since he was eight weeks old, and is very experienced in story time, cuddling, and children still learning "easy pets".

Paws & Pages is literacy enrichment, not a stand-alone phonics program. Activities are designed for a range of abilities so that emerging readers and children who are already beginning to read independently can participate successfully.

Skills explored: recognition of common tricky words, listening comprehension, vocabulary, story recall, literature response, social-emotional concepts, and early reading confidence.

Week 1:

the • to

The Rabbit Listened — Cori Doerrfeld

Sometimes people don't need us to fix their problem; they need us to listen.

Week 2:

of • you

The Bad Seed — Jory John

Your past behavior doesn't define who you have to be next.

Week 3:

was • are

The Invisible Boy — Trudy Ludwig

Notice the person who isn't being noticed. Small acts of inclusion matter.

Week 4:

said • have

The Most Magnificent Thing — Ashley Spires

Frustration and failure are part of making something worthwhile.

Week 5:

do • does

What If Everybody Did That? — Ellen Javernick

Our individual choices affect everyone around us.

Week 6:

one • two

One — Kathryn Otoshi

One person speaking up can change what everyone else accepts.

Week 7:

come • some

Strictly No Elephants — Lisa Mantchev

Friendship includes people rather than deciding who belongs.

Week 8:

what • who

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes — Mark Pett & Gary Rubinstein

Fear of making mistakes can keep us from trying.

Week 9:

there • were

Those Shoes — Maribeth Boelts

Wants versus needs, gratitude, generosity and empathy.

Week 10:

your • from

The Dot — Peter H. Reynolds

Start somewhere. Creativity and confidence grow through trying.

Week 11:

could • would • should

After the Fall — Dan Santat

Courage isn't never being afraid; it's choosing what happens after fear.

Week 12:

REVIEW

The Word Collector — Peter H. Reynolds

Words have value and power—and they're worth collecting and sharing.